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- ☒ 2. The references 1-6 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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- ☒ 4. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 5 is attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 5.

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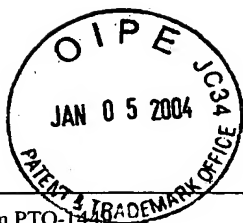
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	5	JP A 11-235692 w/abstr. + trans.	08/31/1999	Japan			
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